

7 26. (Twice amended) A mammalian cell in accordance with claim [18] 16, wherein said beta subunit is encoded by a second expression vector, distinct from said first expression vector, [by which] said transformed cell [is] also being transformed by said second expression vector.

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 18-26 presently appear in this case. No claims have been allowed. The official action of March 13, 1991, and the references cited therein have now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to cells transformed with an expression vector capable of producing biologically active human FSH. The alpha subunit of the FSH is encoded by a first expression vector and the beta subunit is either encoded by the first expression vector or by a second expression vector.

The examiner states that the claims presented as claims 18-27 by Amendment C of February 28, 1990, have been renumbered 16 to 25 respectively and will be referred to only as renumbered.

It is apparent that applicant's preliminary amendment of January 22, 1990, inserting new claims 16 and 17 was never made of record in the file. In any event, since the preliminary amendment of February 28, 1990, deleted these claims, the loss of this amendment is of no moment. Applicant has now renumbered its